

# BookletChart<sup>TM</sup>

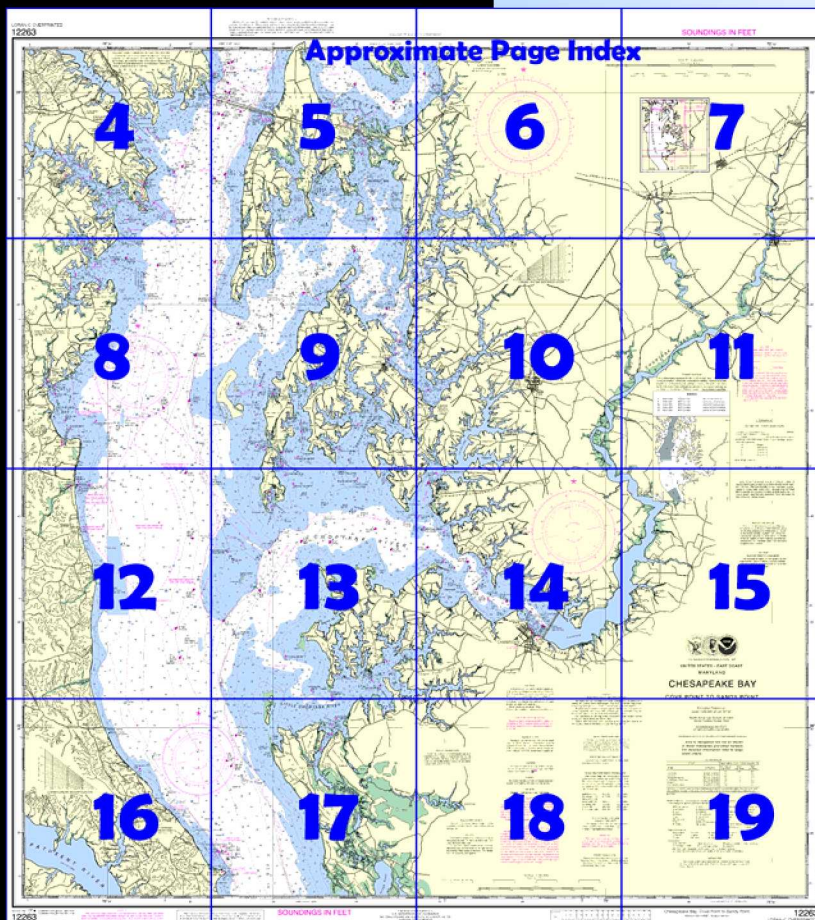
## ***Chesapeake Bay - Cove Point to Sandy Point***

***(NOAA Chart 12263)***



A reduced scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters. When possible, use the full size NOAA chart for navigation.

- ☒ Complete, reduced scale nautical chart
- ☒ Print at home for free
- ☒ Convenient size
- ☒ Up to date with all Notices to Mariners
- ☒ United States Coast Pilot excerpts
- ☒ Compiled by NOAA, the nation's chartmaker.



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### What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

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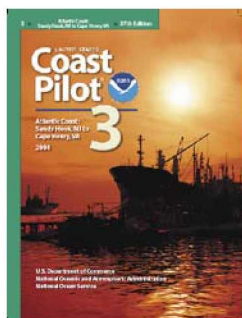
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



### **[Coast Pilot 3, Chapter 13 excerpts]**

(3) From Potomac River to Patuxent River, the western shore of Chesapeake Bay is mostly low, although the 100-foot elevation does come within 1 mile of the water midway between the two rivers. Above Patuxent River, the ground rises and 100-foot elevations are found close back of the shore along the unbroken stretch northward to Herring Bay. Above Herring Bay, the 100-foot contour is pushed back by the tributaries. Except for the developed areas,

the shore is mostly wooded.

(4) The bay channel has depths of 50 feet or more, and is well marked by lights and buoys.

(5) The **fishtrap areas** that extend along this entire section of the western shore are marked at their outer limits and are shown on the charts.

Ice

(6) **Ice** is encountered in the tributaries, particularly during severe winters. When threatened by icing conditions, certain lighted buoys may be replaced by lighted ice buoys having reduced candlepower or by unlighted buoys, and certain unlighted buoys may be discontinued. (See Light List.)

(7) During the ice navigation season, the waters of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries north of Smith Point, but not including Patuxent River, are a **regulated navigation area**. (See **165.1 through 165.13**, and **165.503**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

(8) **Tidal Current Charts**, Upper Chesapeake Bay, present a comprehensive view of the hourly speed and direction of the current northward of Cedar Point, at the south entrance to Patuxent River. The series of 12 charts may be obtained from NOS sales agents and from the National Ocean Service, Distribution Branch.

(9) The **danger zone** of an aerial firing range and target area begins off Point Lookout and extends northward to **Cedar Point**. (See **334.200**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) The target areas in the danger zone are marked by lighted buoys.

(10) A middle ground with depths of 10 to 18 feet is about 8 miles eastward of Point Lookout; the area is about 7 miles long in a north-south direction and 2 miles wide. The stranded wreck near the middle of the shoal is marked by lighted buoys.

(11) A **fish haven** is about 4.4 miles NNE of Point Lookout in about 38°06'28"N., 76°17'57"W.

(126) The two spans of the **William P. Lane, Jr. Memorial (Chesapeake Bay Bridge) Bridge (U.S. Route 50/301)** (see also charts 12270, 12263), Chesapeake Bay Bridge 130 miles above the Virginia Capes, are 3.7 miles long from shore to shore; the western end is 0.5 mile southwestward of Sandy Point, and the eastern, or Kent Island end, is 4 miles south-southwestward of Love Point.



# Table of Selected Chart Notes

**NOTE D**  
Poplar island restoration project. Access channel for construction use only.

**NOTE C**  
Strong currents exist between buoys creating hazardous navigating conditions. Use extreme caution.

**NOTE B**  
**QUEENSTOWN CREEK**  
A depth of 7 feet was available with local knowledge.  
Aug 2009

**HEIGHTS**  
Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Corrected through NM Apr. 21/07  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 3 for important supplemental information.

**SMALL CRAFT WARNINGS**  
During the boating season small-craft warnings will be displayed from sunrise to sunset on Maryland Marine Police Cruisers while underway in Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries.

**RADAR REFLECTORS**  
Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

**WARNING**  
The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

**NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS**  
The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Baltimore, MD	KEC-83	162.40 MHz
Washington, DC	KHB-36	162.55 MHz
Manassas, VA		
Heathsville, VA	WXM-57	162.40 MHz
Salisbury, MD	KEC-92	162.475 MHz
Lewes, DE	WXJ-94	162.55 MHz
Sudersville, MD	WXI-97	162.50 MHz

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**PLANE COORDINATE GRID**  
(based on NAD 1927)  
The Maryland State Grid is indicated on this chart at 40,000 foot intervals thus:  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  
The last three digits are omitted.

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**SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES**  
Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:

*Pipeline Area*  
  
*Cable Area*  
Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

**NOTE A**  
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## LORAN-C GENERAL EXPLANATION

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PULSE REPETITION INTERVAL  
9960.....99,600 Microseconds  
STATION TYPE DESIGNATORS: (Not individual station letter designators).  
M.....Master  
W.....Secondary  
X.....Secondary  
Y.....Secondary  
Z.....Secondary

EXAMPLE: 9960-X

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**AUTHORITIES**  
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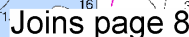
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TIDAL INFORMATION				
PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
		feet	feet	feet
Cove Point	(38°24'N/76°24'W)	1.4	1.1	0.1
Cambridge	(38°34'N/76°04'W)	2.0	1.8	0.2
Chesapeake Beach	(38°41'N/76°32'W)	1.5	1.2	0.2
St. Michaels, Miles River	(38°47'N/76°13'W)	1.8	1.5	0.3
Annapolis	(38°59'N/76°29'W)	1.4	1.2	0.2
Kent Island Narrows	(38°58'N/76°15'W)	1.8	1.5	0.3

Dashes (- - -) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>. (Mar 2007)

ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)			
Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):			
AERO aeronautical	G green	Mo morse code	R TR radio tower
Al alternating	IQ interrupted quick	N nun	Rot rotating
B black	Iso isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds
Bn beacon	LT HO lighthouse	Oc occulting	SEC sector
C can	M nautical mile	Or orange	St M statute miles
DIA diaphone	m minutes	Q quick	VQ very quick
F fixed	MICRO TR microwave tower	R red	W white
FI flashing	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WHIS whistle
		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow
Bottom characteristics:			
Blds boulders	Co coral	gy gray	Oys oysters
bk broken	G gravel	h hard	Rk rock
Cy clay	Grs grass	M mud	S sand
			so soft
			Sh shells
			sy sticky
Miscellaneous:			
AUTH authorized	Obstr obstruction	PD position doubtful	Subm submerged
ED existence doubtful	PA position approximate	Rep reported	
(1) Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.			
(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.			

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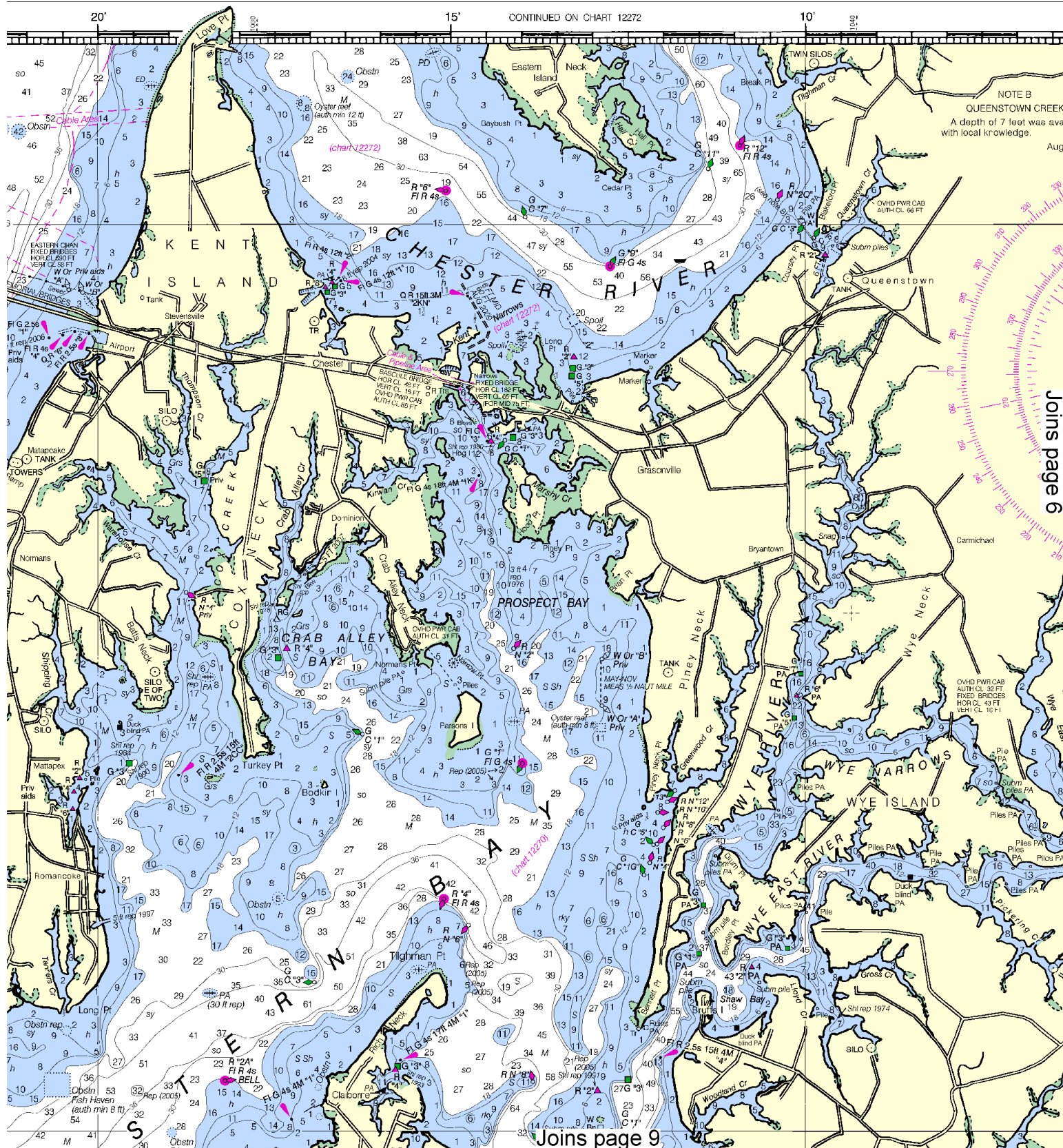


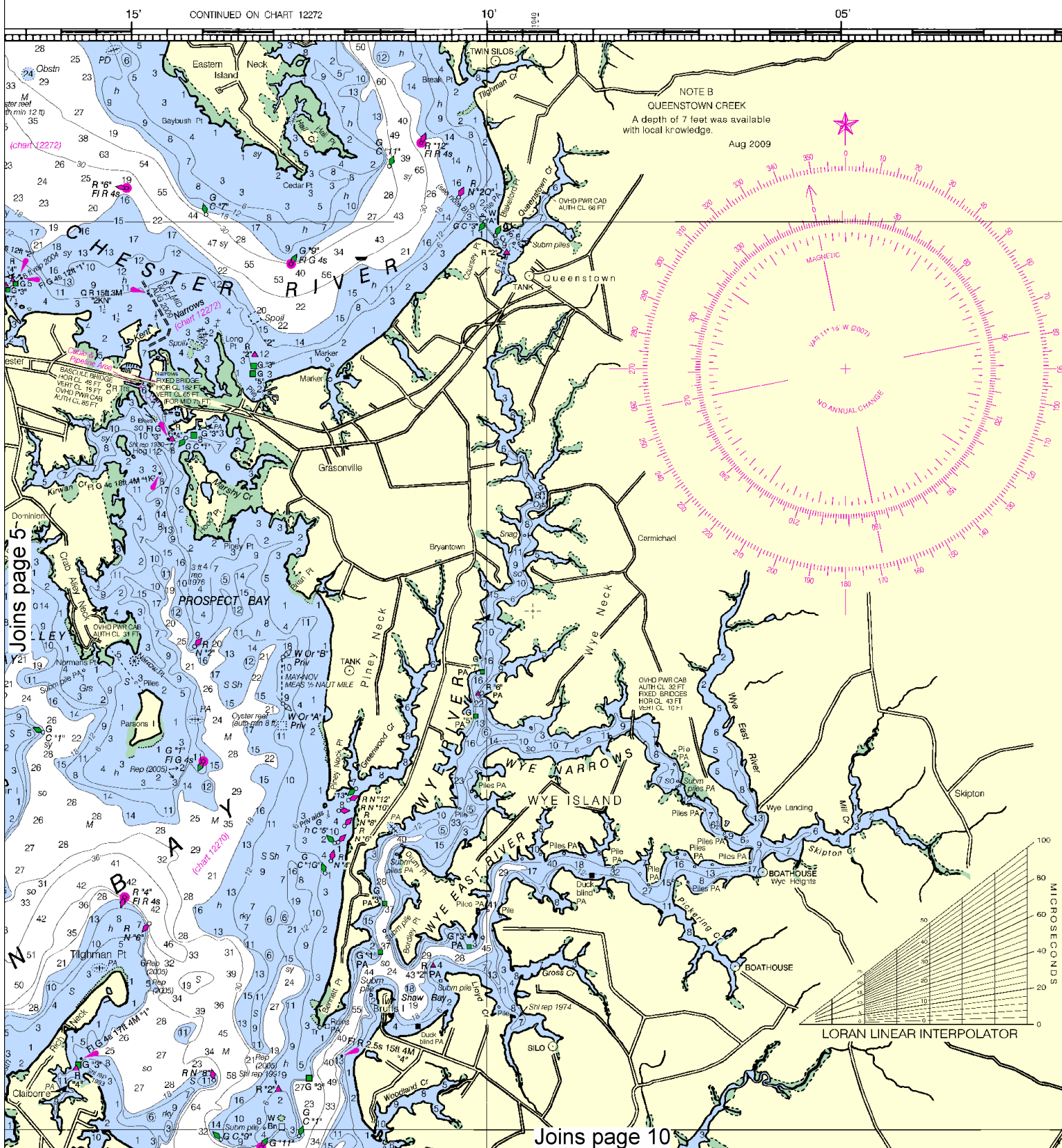


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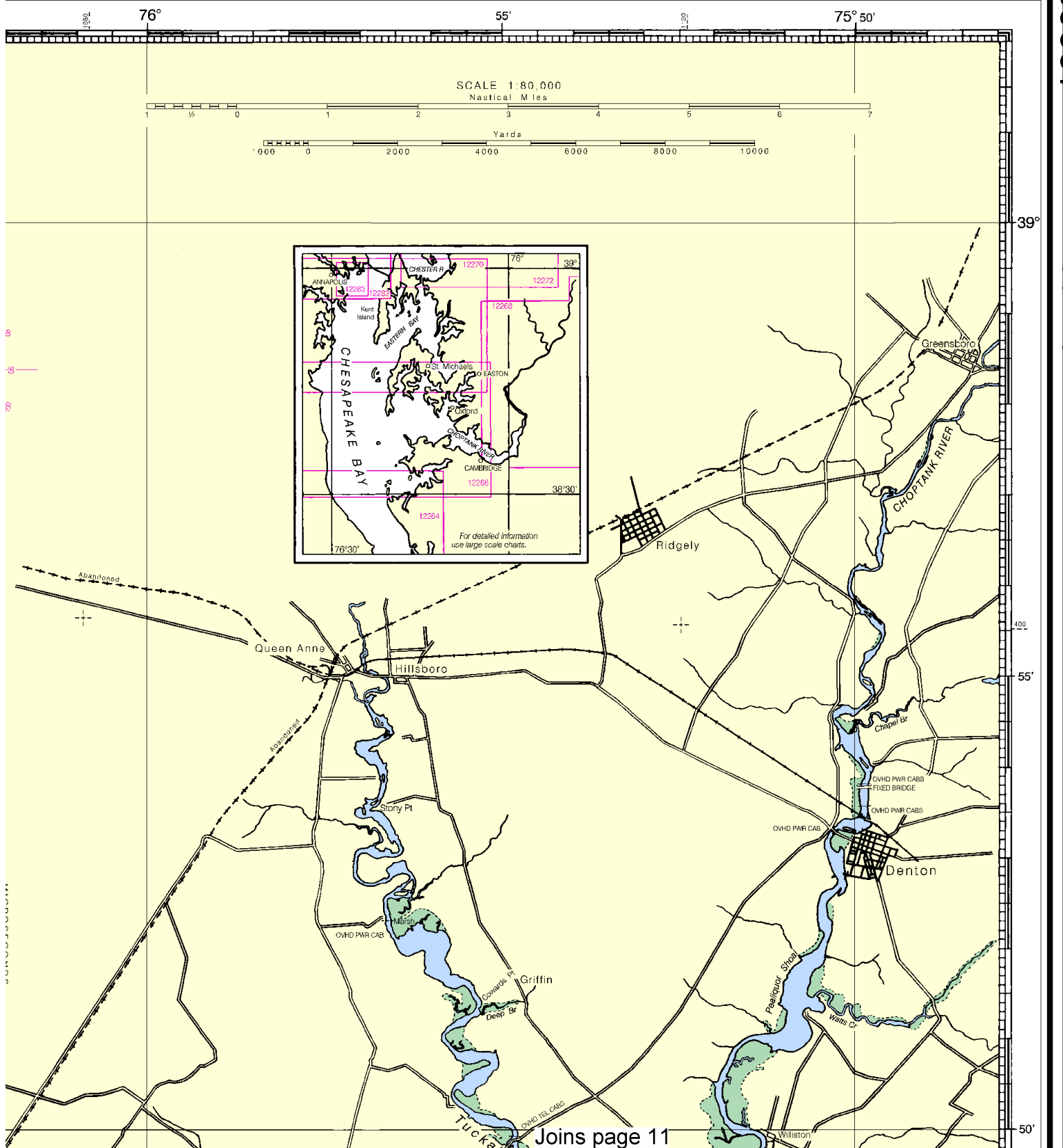
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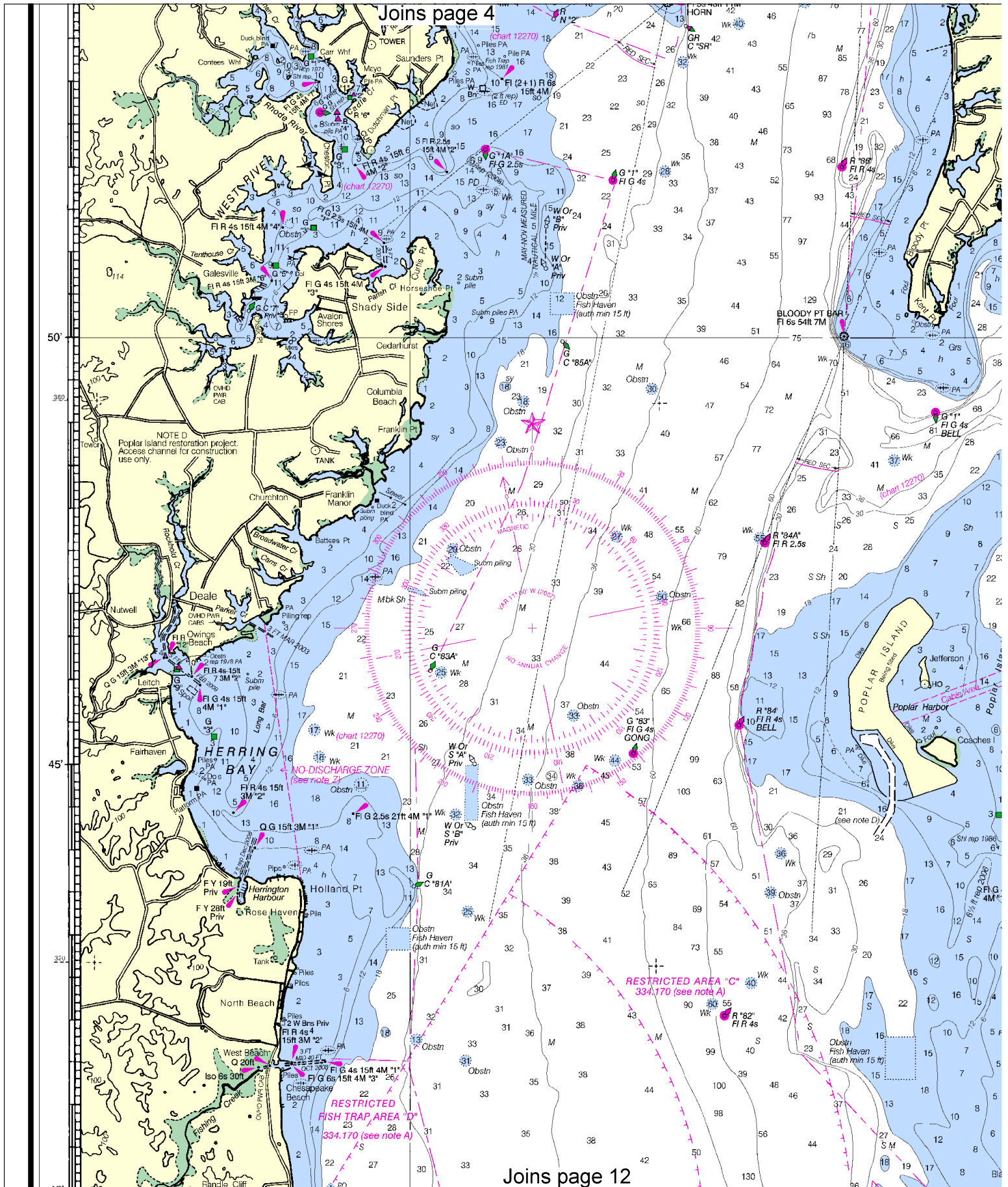




## SOUNDINGS IN FEET



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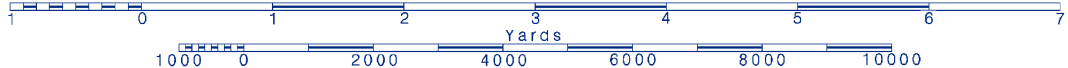
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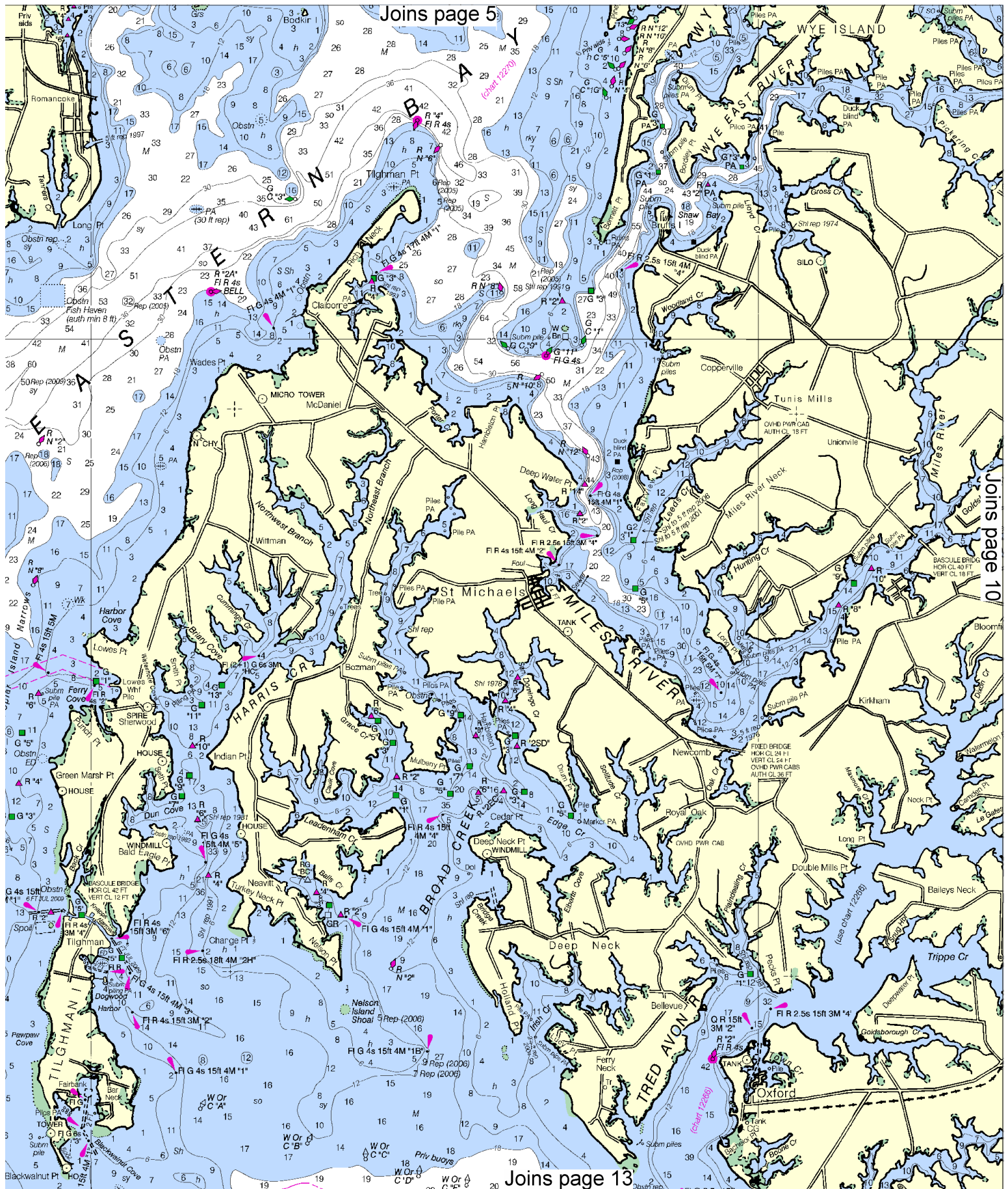
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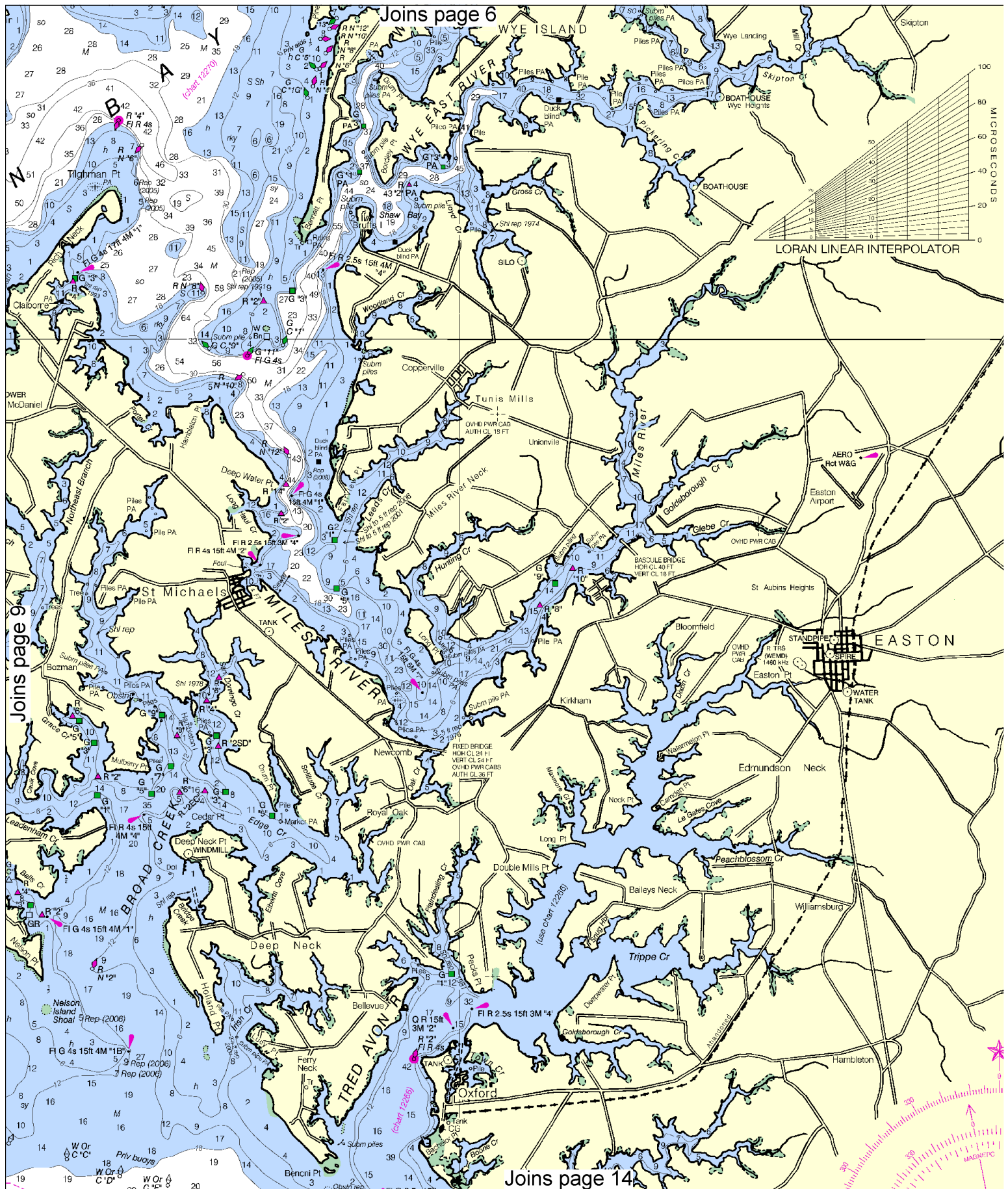


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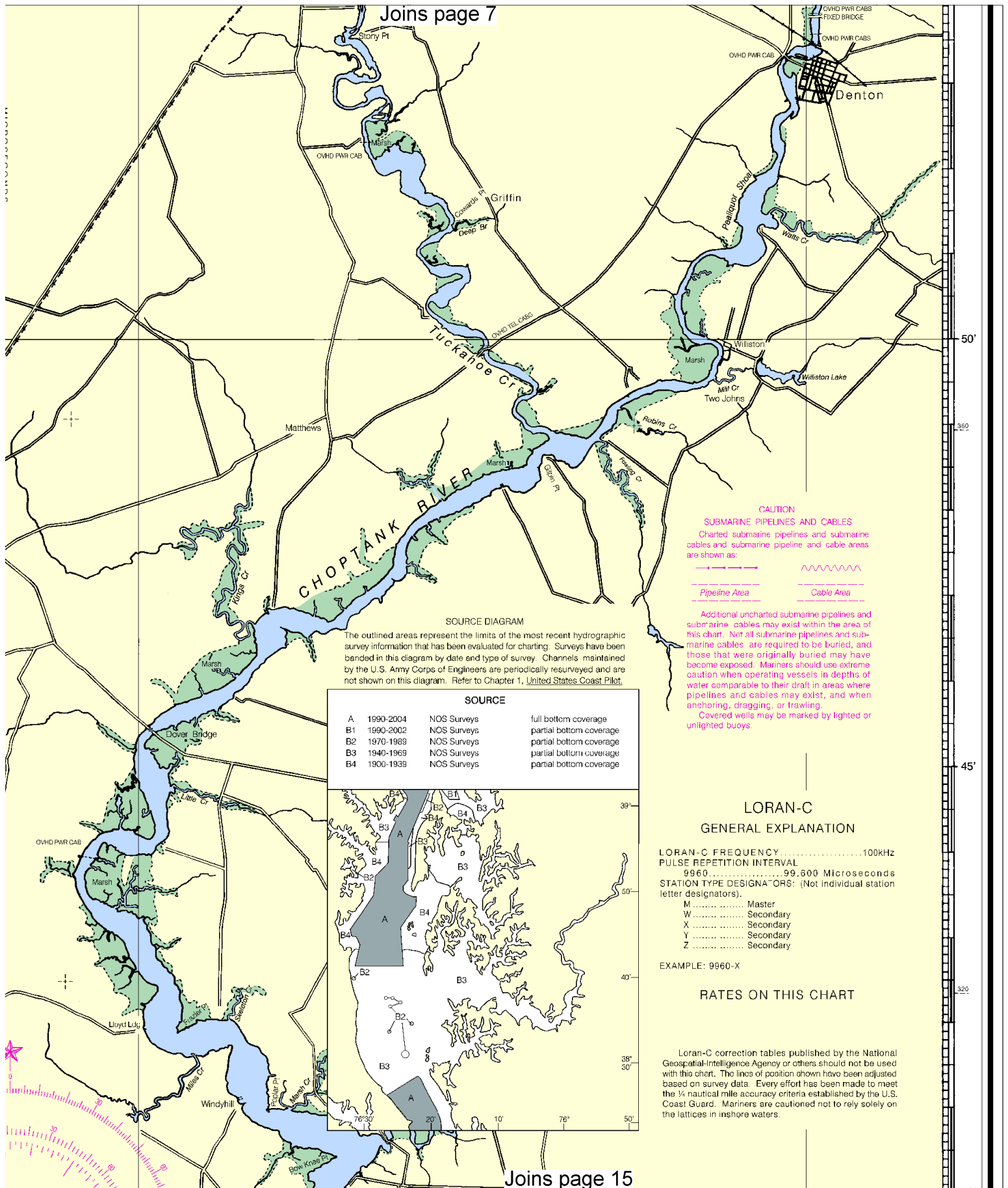
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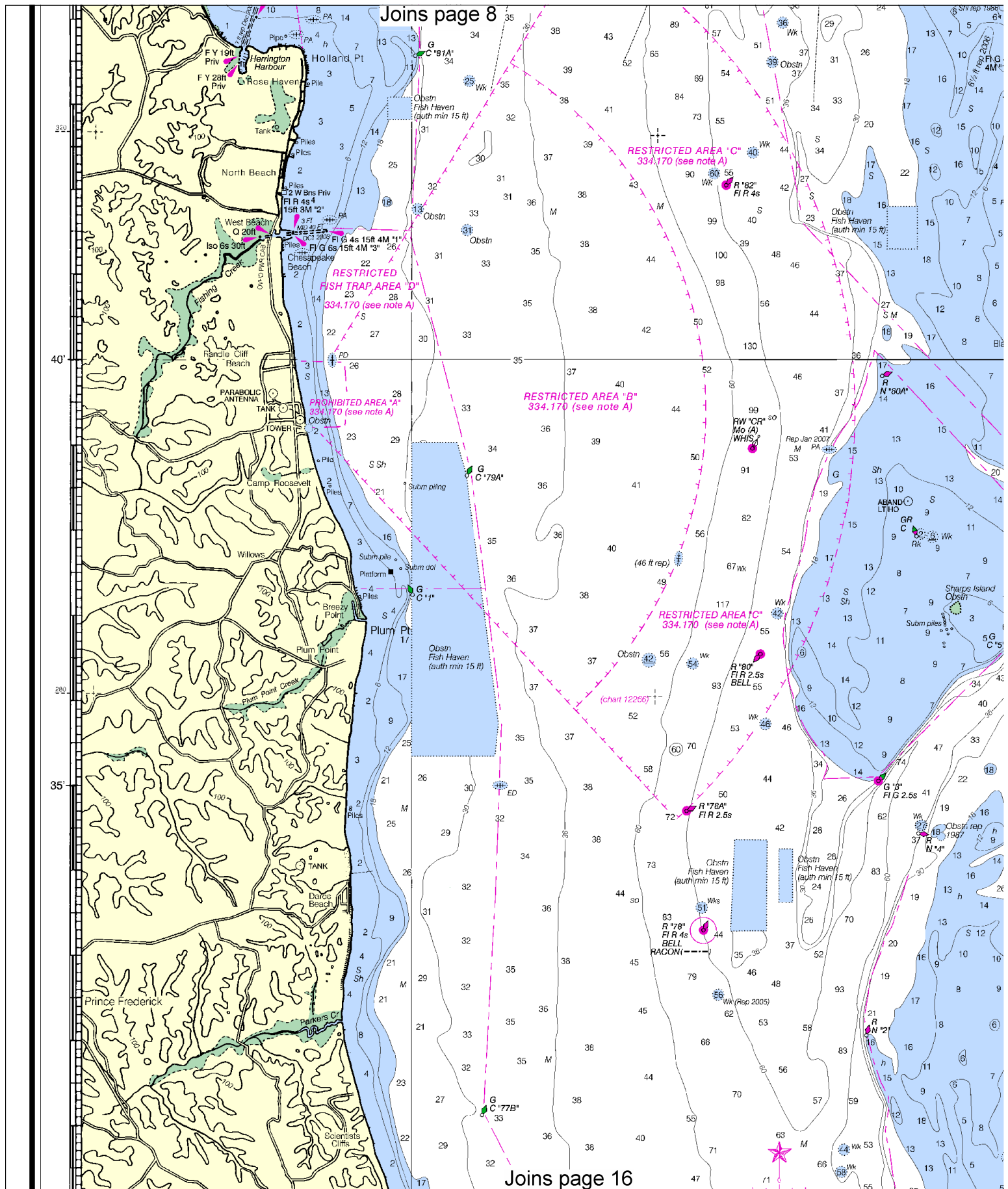
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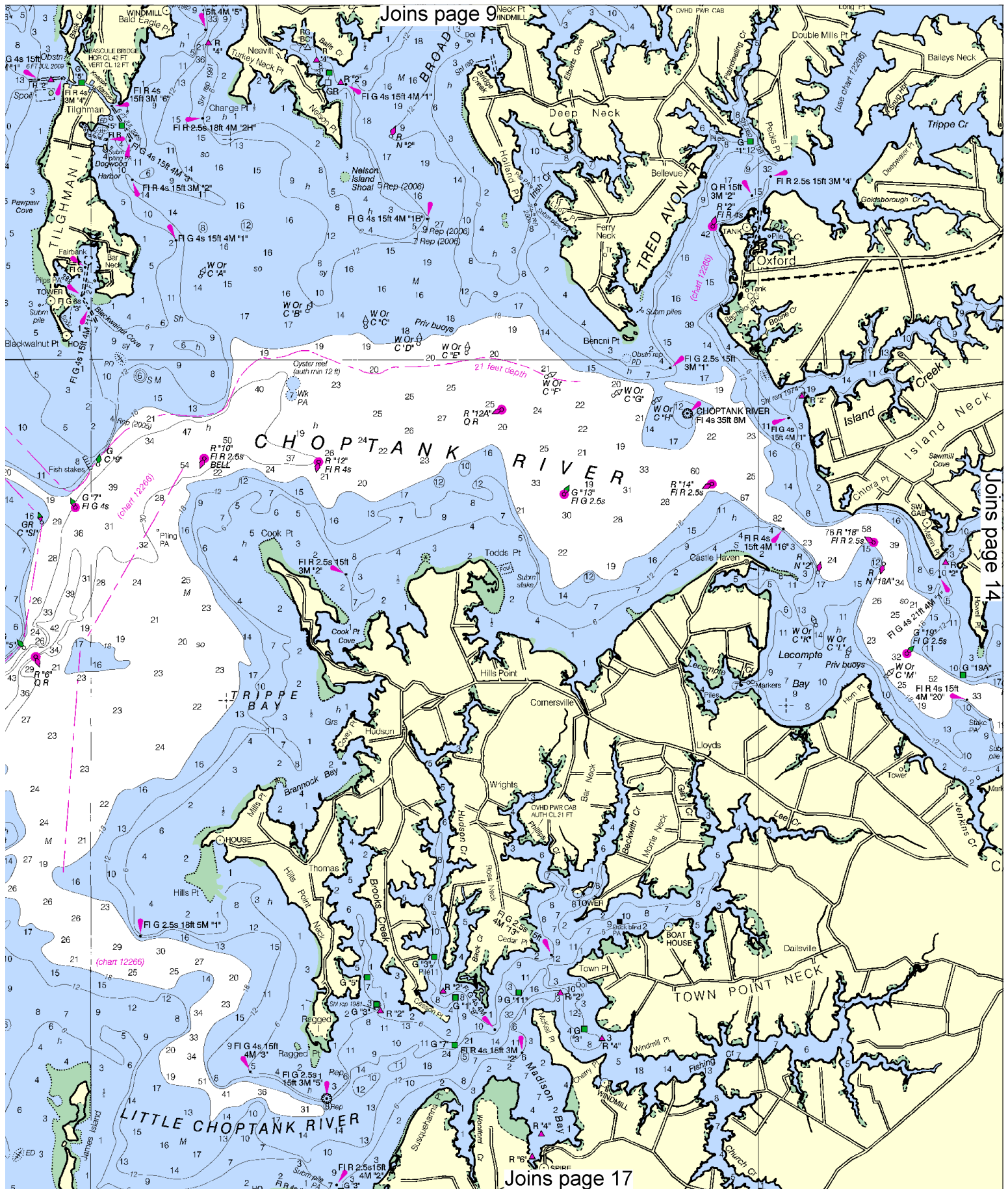


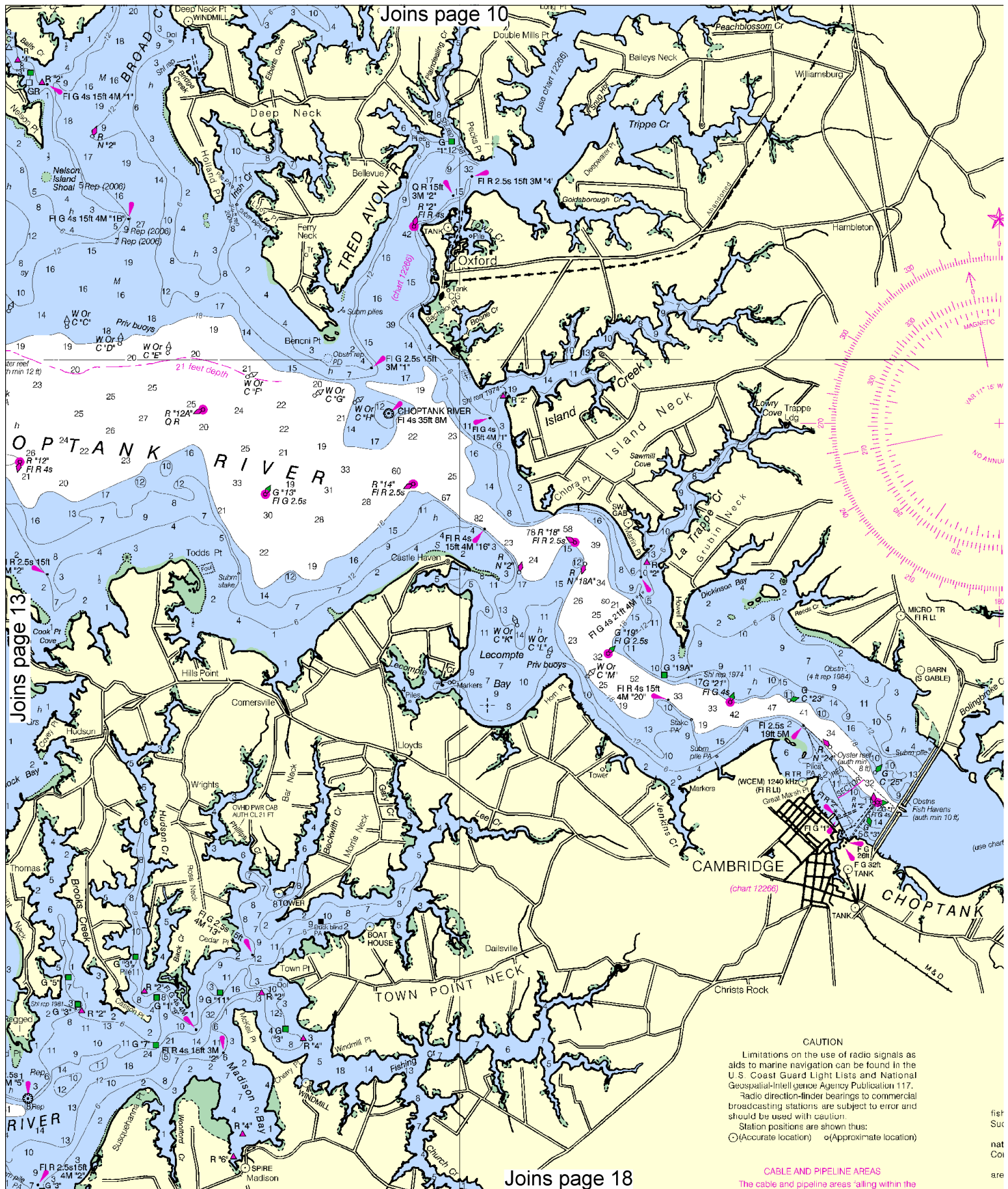












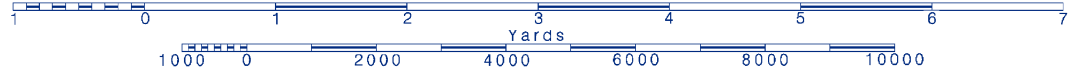
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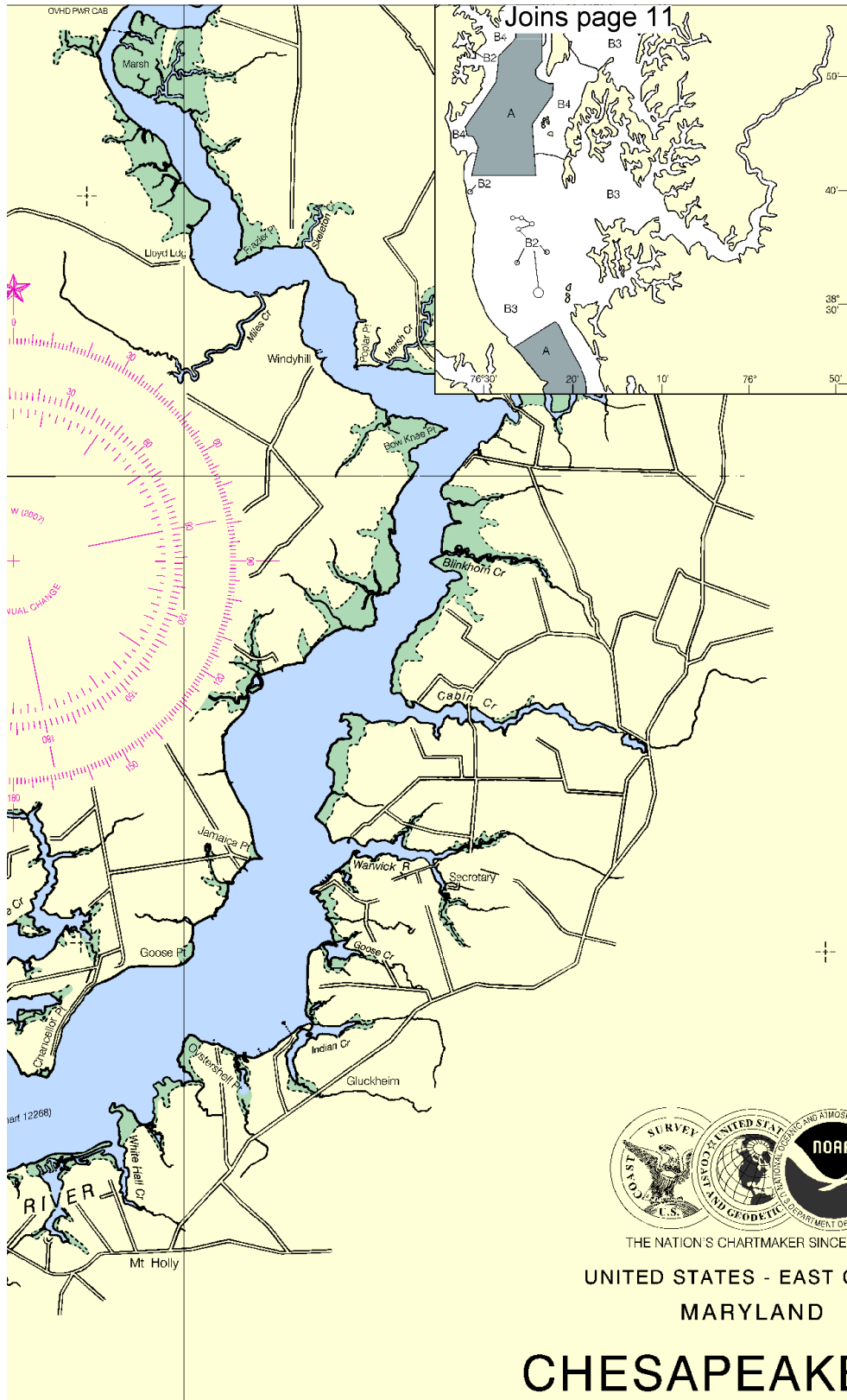


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THE NATION'S CHARTMAKER SINCE 1807

UNITED STATES - EAST COAST  
 MARYLAND

## CHESAPEAKE BAY

### COVE POINT TO SANDY POINT

Mercator Projection  
 Scale 1:80,000 at Lat 38°42'

North American Datum of 1983  
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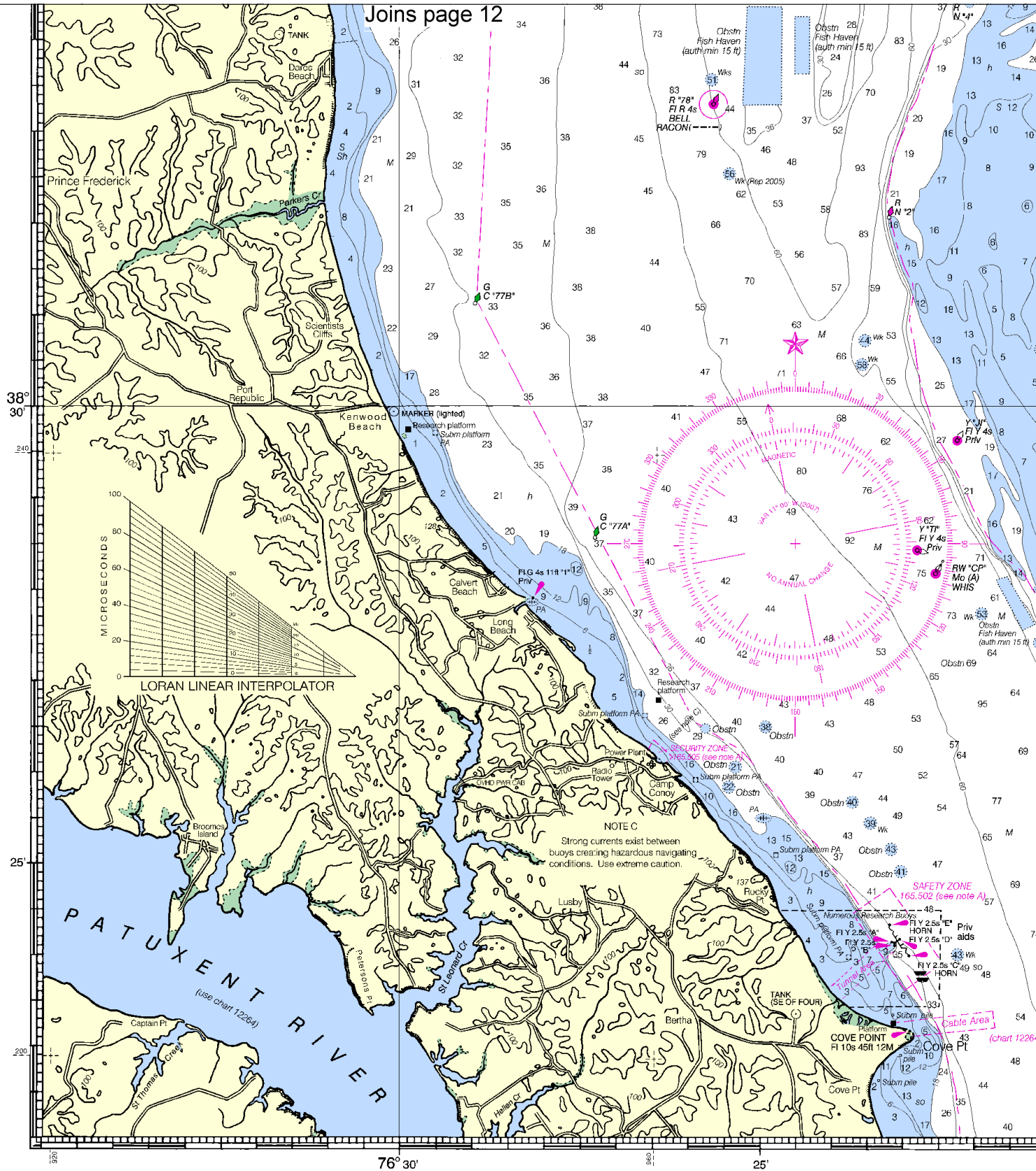
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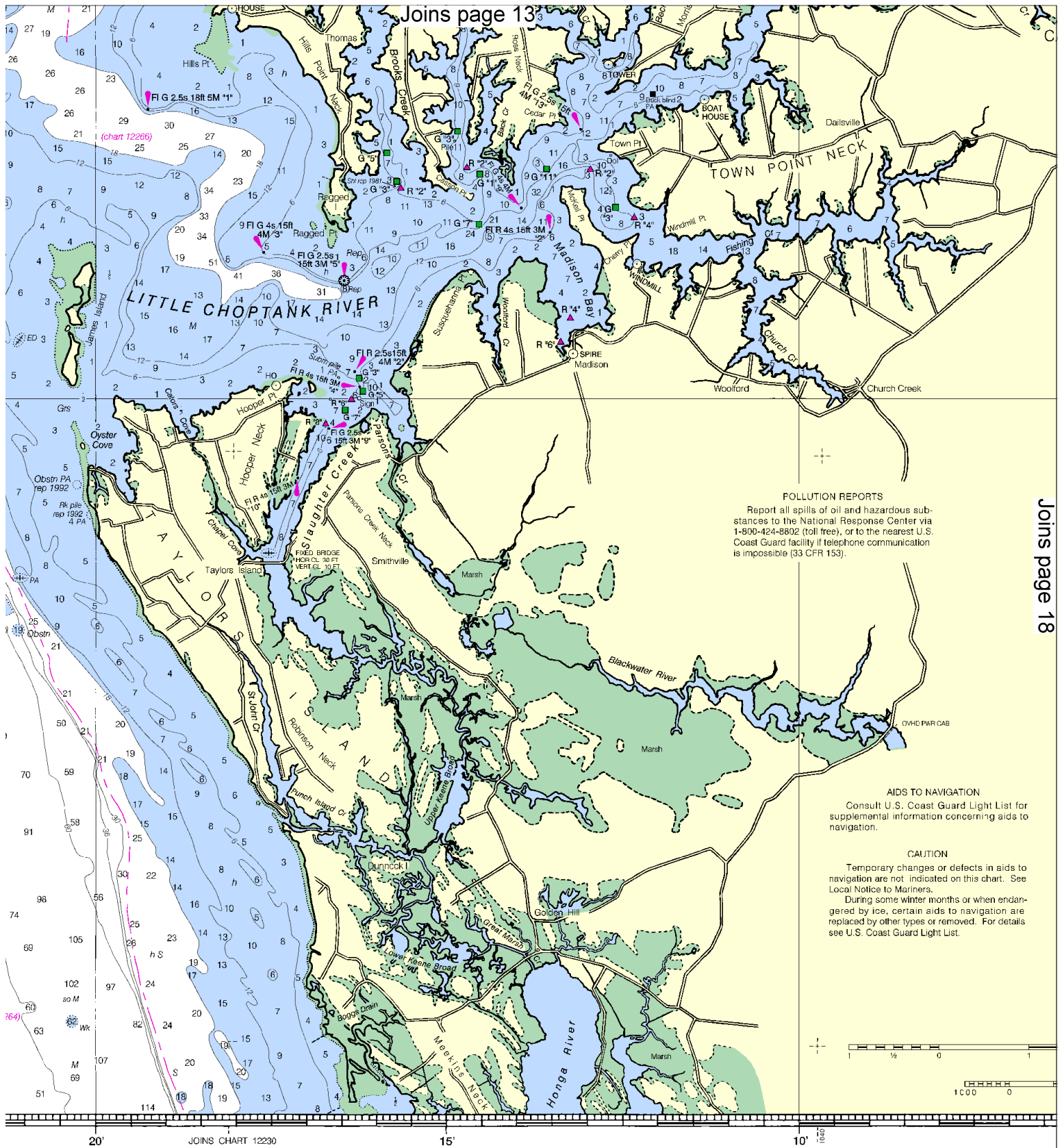
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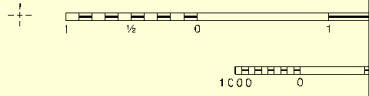
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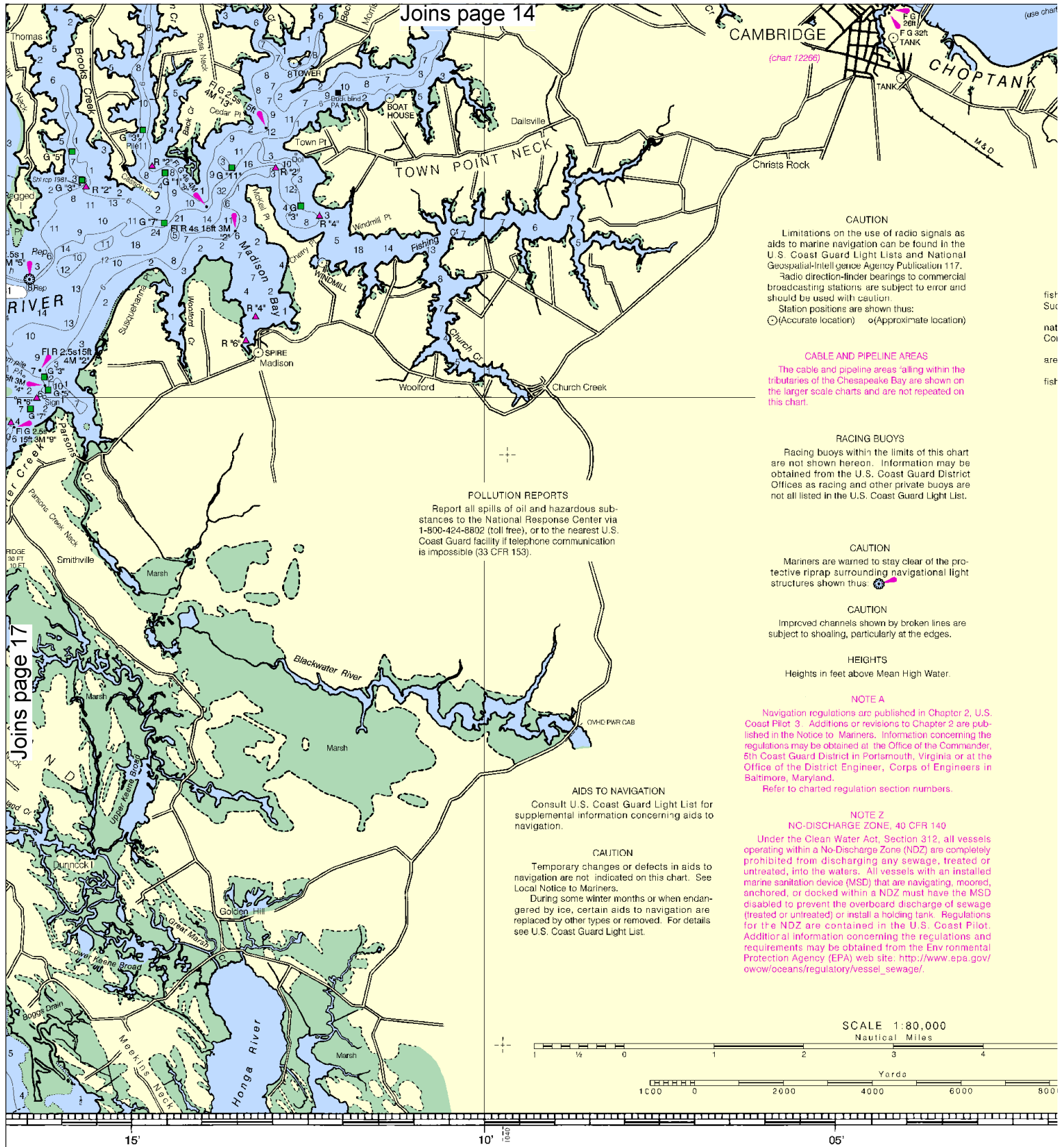
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Yards

**18 FEET**

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NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE  
COAST SURVEY

FATHOMS	1	2
FEET	6	12
METERS	1	2



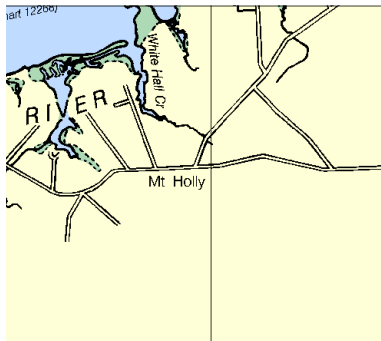
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UNITED STATES - EAST COAST

MARYLAND

# CHESAPEAKE BAY

## COVE POINT TO SANDY POINT

Mercator Projection

Scale 1:80,000 at Lat 38°42'

North American Datum of 1983  
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET  
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

Additional information can be obtained at [nauticalcharts.noaa.gov](http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov).

*Aids to navigation are not all shown  
in minor tributaries and small harbors.  
For detailed information refer to large  
scale charts.*

### TIDAL INFORMATION

NAME	PLACE (LAT/LONG)	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
		Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Cove Point	(38°24'N/76°24'W)	1.4	1.1	0.1
Cambridge	(38°34'N/76°04'W)	2.0	1.8	0.2
Chesapeake Beach	(38°41'N/76°32'W)	1.5	1.2	0.2
St. Michaels, Miles River	(38°47'N/76°13'W)	1.8	1.5	0.3
Annapolis	(38°59'N/76°28'W)	1.4	1.2	0.2
Kent Island Narrows	(38°58'N/76°15'W)	1.8	1.5	0.3

Dashes (---) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>.

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### ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

AERO aeronautical	G green	Mo morse code	R TR radio tower
Al alternating	IQ interrupted quick	N run	Rot rotating
B black	Is isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds
Bn beacon	LT HO lighthouse	Oc occulting	SEC sector
C can	M nautical mile	Or orange	St M statute miles
DIA diaphone	m minutes	Q quick	VQ very quick
F fixed	MICRO TR microwave tower	R red	W white
Fl flashing	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WhIS whistle
		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow

### Bottom characteristics:

Blds boulders	Co coral	gy gray	Oys oysters	so soft
bk broken	G gravel	h hard	Rk rock	Sh shells
Cy clay	Gr grass	M mud	S sand	sy sticky

### Miscellaneous:

AUTH authorized	Obstr obstruction	PD position doubtful	Subm submerged
ED existence doubtful	PA position approximate	Rep reported	
(1) Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.			
(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.			

### AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Coast Guard.

### PLANE COORDINATE GRID (based on NAD 1927)

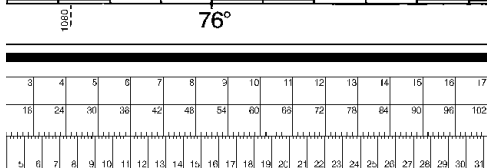
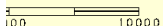
The Maryland State Grid is indicated on this chart at 40,000 foot intervals thus:  $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{smallmatrix}$   
The last three digits are omitted.

### WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

### RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.



Chesapeake Bay, Cove Point to Sandy Point

SOUNDINGS IN FEET - SCALE 1:80,000

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## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Intership safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, harbors.

**Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls** to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78** – Recreational boat channels.

### Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

**HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS !!**

**Mobile Phones** – Call 911 for water rescue.

**Coast Guard Search & Rescue** – 800-418-7314/410-576-2525

**Coast Guard Crisfield** – 410-968-0323

**Coast Guard Annapolis** – 410-267-8108

**Coast Guard Little Creek** – 757-464-9371/9372

**Coast Guard St. Inigoes** – 301-872-4344/4345

**Coast Guard Oxford** – 410-397-3103

**Maryland Natural Resources Police** – 410-260-8888

**NOAA Weather Radio** – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

**Getting and Giving Help** – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

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